

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION/Cloture

SUBJECT: National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998 . . . S. 936. Lott motion to close debate.

ACTION: CLOTURE MOTION REJECTED, 46-45

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 936, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998, will authorize a total of \$268.2 billion in budget authority for national defense programs (the President requested \$265.6 billion). In real terms, this bill will authorize \$3.3 billion less than was provided in fiscal year (FY) 1997.

On June 27, 1997, Senator Lott sent to the desk, for himself and others, a motion to close debate on S. 936.

NOTE: A motion to close debate requires a three-fifths majority (60) vote to succeed.

Those favoring the motion to invoke cloture contended:

The Defense Authorization Bill is so large and involves so many interests that if no attempt is made to consider it in an orderly process the Senate could easily spend all year debating it. This bill first reached the floor on June 19, nearly a month ago. It has not been on the floor for much of the time since then, but Senators have had more than enough time to review it and draft any amendments that they may wish to offer. Senators should not have an unlimited amount of time to draft and offer their amendments. This cloture vote is intended as a signal to Senators that the preliminary review period is over; any amendments they may wish to offer should already have been drafted and should be offered this week. We do not expect to invoke cloture on this vote, but we do expect to finish the consideration of this bill soon.

Those opposing the motion to invoke cloture contended:

We think this cloture motion has been offered prematurely because many controversial amendments that we know of have yet to be offered and voted upon. Though we have no intention of delaying the passage of this bill, voting to limit debate at this point could prevent the full consideration of some of those amendments. Therefore, we oppose the motion to close debate.

YEAS (46)		NAYS (45)			NOT VOTING (9)	
Republicans (46 or 94%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (3 or 6%)	Democrats (42 or 100%)		Republicans (6)	Democrats (3)
Abraham	Hatch	Cochran	Akaka	Inouye	Coats- ²	Biden- ²
Allard	Helms	Gorton	Baucus	Johnson	Hutchinson- ²	Landrieu- ²
Ashcroft	Hutchison	Lugar	Bingaman	Kennedy	Jeffords- ²	Mikulski- ²
Bennett	Inhofe		Boxer	Kerrey	McCain- ²	
Bond	Kempthorne		Breaux	Kerry	Roth- ²	
Brownback	Kyl		Bryan	Kohl	Smith, Gordon- ²	
Burns	Lott		Bumpers	Lautenberg		
Campbell	Mack		Byrd	Leahy		
Chafee	McConnell		Cleland	Levin		
Collins	Murkowski		Conrad	Lieberman		
Coverdell	Nickles		Daschle	Moseley-Braun		
Craig	Roberts		Dodd	Moynihan		
D'Amato	Santorum		Dorgan	Murray		
DeWine	Sessions		Durbin	Reed		
Domenici	Shelby		Feingold	Reid		
Enzi	Smith, Bob		Feinstein	Robb		
Faircloth	Snowe		Ford	Rockefeller		
Frist	Specter		Glenn	Sarbanes		
Gramm	Stevens		Graham	Torricelli		
Grams	Thomas		Harkin	Wellstone		
Grassley	Thompson		Hollings	Wyden		
Gregg	Thurmond					
Hagel	Warner					

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